Appendix 3

National Retail Ranks

Annual Ranking of town Centres nationwide are carried out by both Experian and Management Horizons (both indicators are based on a 'vitality score' that combines a variety of key indicators). Since these rankings only feature centres above a certain size only Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough and Rushden appear within them.

The 2008 data shows that main towns have slipped further down the rankings. The data has not taken into account the Willow Place development in Corby which opened in late 2007 and therefore may not have gained the same status that it currently holds.

Centre	Experian 1998	Experian 2001	Experian 2008	Management Horizons 2000	Management Horizons 2004	Management Horizons 2008
Kettering	143rd	180th	264th	187th	171st	183
Wellingborough	286th	351st	282nd	282nd	360th	399
Corby	359th	323rd	352nd	259th	344th	399
Rushden	N/a	N/a	N/a	644th	502nd	505

Where 1 is the best.

Competing Centres

Centre	Experian 1998	Experian 2001	Management Horizons 2000	Management Horizons 2004	Management Horizons 2008
Nottingham	4th	3rd	2nd	4th	--
Leicester	20th	10th	11th	10th	14
Peterborough	36th	33rd	42nd	46th	43
Milton Keynes	62nd	42nd	55th	29th	30
Northampton	65th	59th	37th	43rd	43
Bedford	93rd	98th	87th	118th	--

Source:

North Northamptonshire Centres Project, May 2004, DTZ Pieda Consulting
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